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David N. Krag 09/815,393

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For:

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27.

Applicant has previously claimed small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

A Petition for an Extension of Time for month is enclosed.

A General Authorization Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) is enclosed.

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CLAIMS REMAINING

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EXTENSION OF TIME FEE

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE

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SMALL ENTITY			OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE	OR	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
x 9	\$ 0		x 18	\$
x 42	\$ 84		x 84	\$
+140	\$	OR	+280	\$
	\$ 180			\$
	\$ 264	TOTAL		\$

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[X] Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

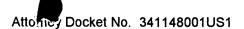
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## Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111

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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office action dated 19 June 2002 in the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows. attached Appendix presents a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment.

## In the Specification:

Please amend the first paragraph on page 11 to read as follows:

Referring to FIG. 3b, an RF exciter device 60 for generating RF signal 46 is illustrated. RF exciter 60 includes a radio frequency generator 62 for generating RF signal 46 at a predetermined frequency and an RF amplifier 64 for amplifying the output from the radio frequency generator. The sensitivity of amplifier 64 may be controlled using gain adjustment 66 coupled to the amplifier. The output of RF amplifier 64 is provided to transmit antenna 68 which transmits RF signal 46. Transmit antenna 68 of RF exciter 60 is preferably placed in relatively close proximity to marker 30c, with appropriate gain adjustment of RF amplifier 64 being achieved by control gain

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